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Kunming Military Region, China, Since  
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SIGNIFICANT GROUND FORCE ACTIVITY IN KUNMING  
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ABSTRACT

1. (S/D) This report discusses main ground force units of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in the Kunming Military Region (MR), China. The functions and locations of these units were identified primarily from satellite imagery since 1977. All unit designators were derived from reference document 1.

INTRODUCTION

2. (S/D) The Kunming MR, one of the southernmost military regions in China, consists of Guizhou and Yunnan Provinces. The region is bordered by Burma, Laos, and Vietnam. The MR headquarters is in the city of Kunming in Northern Yunnan Province.

3. Within the Kunming MR are two armies (the 11th and 14th), one artillery division, a tank regiment, and two antiaircraft artillery (AAA) divisions (Figure 1). Four engineering regiments, one antichemical-warfare regiment, and ten motor transport regiments are also located in the Kunming MR.

4. (S/D) Subordinate to each army (Figures 2 and 3) are three infantry divisions, one artillery regiment, and one AAA regiment. Each infantry division has one AAA battalion, one artillery regiment, and three infantry regiments.

DISCUSSION

5. Several significant changes have occurred in the Kunming MR over the last three years, especially since the Sino-Vietnamese conflict. One of the most important changes after China's invasion of Vietnam was the upgrading of the 11th Army.

6. Prior to the conflict, the 11th Army had only two infantry divisions. Since then, the internal defense division at Fu-hsing-chen (Figures 4, 5, and 6) was upgraded to main force status and designated the 3rd Infantry Division. Equipment organic to a main force infantry division was observed on satellite imagery thereafter.

7. Another significant change after the invasion was the redeployment of the 41st Infantry Division. This division deployed from its home garrison in Guizhou Province to three separate areas approximately 100 nautical miles north of the Vietnamese border. The new locations are near Hanshui (Figure 7), Tonghai (Figure 8), and possibly Shiping, in Southern Yunnan Province. These locations have been verified on satellite imagery and the redeployment appears to be permanent. Major construction efforts were underway at each location: numerous barracks were under construction and personnel were temporarily housed in tents. Equipment associated with main force infantry divisions was observed in these areas.

8. (S/D) Another change within the last two years is the expansion of the tank/assault-gun facilities at Kunming Army Barracks AL 17. This installation, under construction for several years, was nearly complete in September 1980. The facility previously housed a tank/assault-gun regiment but has been enlarged to house a tank regiment, which was first confirmed on imagery of March 1979 (Figure 9).

9. (S/D) Elements of the independent artillery division of the MR deployed to the border area during the conflict. Some elements are suspected of being deployed in strategic areas along the Chinese/Vietnamese border. Other elements of the division have returned to garrison. Satellite imagery has revealed artillery positions and emplacements along the border areas on the Chinese side.

10. (S/D) No significant changes were observed in other military units in the MR during this period.

Table 1.  
Independent Units, Kunming Military Region, China  
(Keyed to Figure 1)

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Unit	Installation	Coordinates	BE	Equipment/Activity	Status
Kunming MR Hq	Kunming Military Hq Area	25-01-00N 102-41-52E		None	Conf
2033 Tank Regiment	Kunming Army Bks AL 17	25-00-39N 102-52-15E		Tanks, SU-76, AAA, cargo trucks	Conf
4th Artillery Division	Kunming Artillery Division Hq and Army Bks AL 9	25-00-13N 102-50-09E		Field artillery, cargo trucks	Conf
65th AAA Division	Mingzi AAA Division Hq and Army Bks Area	23-23-20N 101-29-30		AAA	Conf
67th AAA Division*		Unlocated		None	Ukn

\*Not shown on Figure 1.

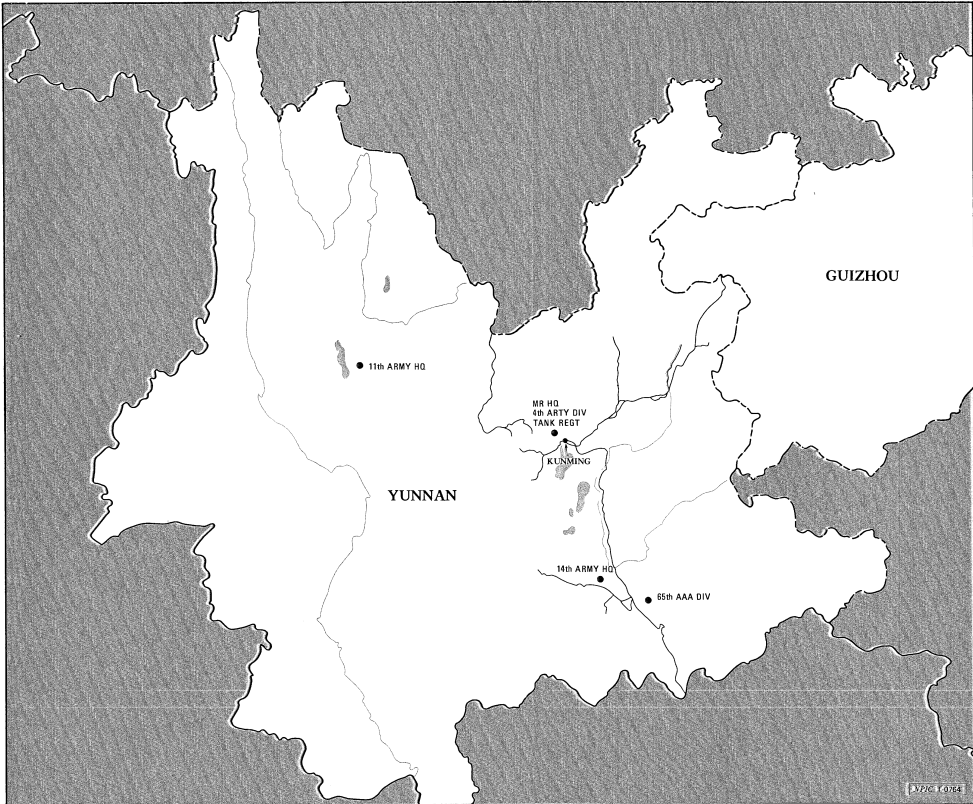


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF INDEPENDENT UNITS, KUNMING MILITARY REGION, CHINA

Table 2.  
11th Army, Kunming Military Region  
(Keyed to Figure 2)

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Unit	Installation	Coordinates	BE	Equipment/Activity	Status
11th Army Hq	Dali Army Bks AL 3	25-41-42N 100-08-53E			Conf
114th Artillery Regiment	Dengchuan Army Bks	26-00-58N 100-06-53E		Field artillery, cargo trucks	Conf
129th AAA Regiment*	Dali Army Bks NW AL 2	25-42-32N 100-08-49E		AAA	Conf
AAA Battalion (Unit)*	Xinzhou Army Bks AL 1	25-09-30N 100-05-30E		24 AAA	Conf
31st Infantry Division Hq	Xiuguan Army Bks AL 1	25-05-42N 100-15-20E		AAA normally observed	Conf
91st Infantry Regiment	Binchuan Army Bks AL 1	25-53-35N 100-29-10E		4 conf 37mm AAA, 9 ZPU's, 25 cargo trucks	Conf
92nd Infantry Regiment	Junchuan Army Bks East AL 1	26-32-03N 99-55-05E		Training area, firing ranges, graze range, obstacle course, trenching	Conf
93rd Infantry Regiment	Lao-chien Army Bks E AL 1**	25-28-10N 99-32-14E		Obstacle courses, personnel trenches	Elements at Chia-shen
311th Artillery Regiment	Midu Army Bks S AL 1	25-20-40N 100-29-45E		Artillery regiment frequently observed here, ammunition storage bldgs	Conf
32nd Infantry Division Hq	Lincang Infantry Division Hq and Army Bks AL 1	23-53-18N 100-06-20E		4 ZPU's, 3 prob armored vehicles, parade field, firing range, auditorium, swimming pool	Conf
2077 AAA Battalion*	Lincang Infantry Division Hq and Army Bks AL 1	23-53-18N 100-06-20E		AAA	Conf
94th Infantry Regiment	Shuangling Army Bks S AL 1	23-30-00N 99-50-18E		Infantry trenching, graze range, auditorium, obstacle course	Conf
95th Infantry Regiment	Boshan Army Bks SW AL 1	25-07-01N 99-09-11E		Dual-lane obstacle course, auditorium, parade field	Prob
96th Infantry Regiment	Boshang Army Bks AL 1	23-43-18N 100-03-08E		Auditorium, swimming pool, graze ranges, obstacle course	Prob
312th Artillery Regiment	Changning Army Bks AL 1	24-50-11N 99-38-21E		Howitzers	Conf
	Changning Army Bks AL 2	24-53-08N 99-36-44E		Parade field	Conf
	Changning Army Bks AL 3	24-51-20N 99-38-07E			Conf
33rd Infantry Division Hq	Fu-hsing-chen Army Bks AL 1**	22-46-55N 100-58-43E		Engineering unit, AAA	Conf
9999th AAA Battalion*	Fu-hsing-chen Army Bks AL 1**	22-46-55N 100-58-43E		AAA	Conf
9999th Engineering Company*	Fu-hsing-chen Army Bks AL 1**	22-46-55N 100-58-43E		Pontoon sections	Conf
97th Infantry Regiment	Fu-hsing-chen Army Bks SE AL 2**	22-46-07N 100-58-11E		ZPU's, howitzers, mortar	Conf
98th Infantry Regiment	Shang-chiao-chai Army Bks AL 1**	22-04-58N 100-53-40E		Post AAA, post mortar, cargo trucks	Prob
99th Infantry Regiment	Fu-hai Army Bks S AL 1**	21-07-00N 100-26-55E		Dual- and single-lane obstacle courses	Prob
313th Artillery Regiment	Fu-hsing-chen Army Bks NE 3**	22-48-00N 100-59-32E		Field artillery	Conf

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\*\*Wade-Giles transliteration.

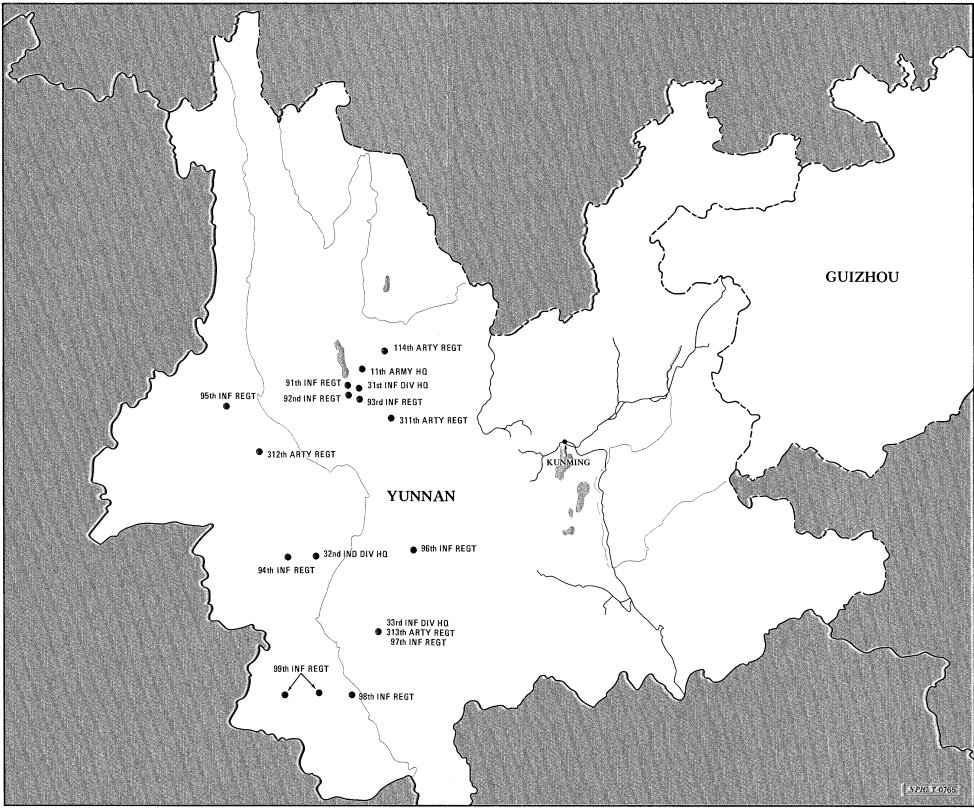


FIGURE 2. LOCATIONS OF 11TH ARMY UNITS, KUNMING MILITARY REGION

Table 3.  
14th Army, Kunming Military Region  
(Keyed to Figure 3)

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Unit	Installation	Coordinates	BE	Equipment/Activity	Status
114th Army Hq	Kaiyuan Army Bks and Hq AL 1	23-42-57N 103-14-53E		Cargo trucks	Conf
AAA Regiment*	Kaiyuan Army Bks NE AL 5	23-42-55N 103-14-55E		AAA	Conf
117th Artillery Regiment	Kaiyuan Army Bks NE AL 5	23-42-55N 103-14-55E		Field artillery range	Conf
Engineering Battalion*	Kaiyuan Army Bks NE AL 5	23-42-55N 103-14-55E		Ponton sections	Conf
40th Infantry Division Hq	Yiliang Army Bks and Infantry Division Hq AL 1	25-00-01N 103-11-12E		Cargo trucks, mockup tank	Conf
AAA Battalion*	Yiliang Army Bks and Infantry Division Hq AL 1	25-00-01N 103-11-12E		AAA	Conf
Engineering Battalion*	Yiliang Army Bks AL 4	24-58-50N 103-17-20E		BMK, 90 cargo trucks, TPT bridging equipment	Conf
118th Infantry Regiment	Yiliang Army Bks S AL 2	24-51-39N 103-09-11E		Heavy AAA, machine gun	Conf
119th Infantry Regiment	Yiliang Army Bks S AL 3	24-46-35N 103-09-01E		Grenade ranges, parade field, cargo trucks	Conf
119th Infantry Regiment	Buxi Army Bks AL 1	24-12-15N 103-06-29E		3 grenade ranges, skull-lime obstacle course	Prab
120th Infantry Regiment	Yiliang Army Bks and Infantry Division Hq AL 1	25-00-01N 103-11-12E		AAA, training areas, small-arm firing range, trenches	Conf
320th Artillery Regiment	Yiliang Army Bks and Infantry Division Hq AL 1	25-00-01N 103-11-12E		Training areas, firing ranges, trenches	Conf
41st Infantry Division Hq (121st Infantry Regiment)	Jianshui Army Bks	23-44-00N 102-52-40E		Baracks w/oon; field artillery regiment, multiple rocket launchers, cargo trucks, tents	Conf
AAA Battalion*	Gaiyang Military Hq Area AL 3	26-36-08N 106-38-47E		AAA	Conf
Engineering Battalion*	Shiping Bks Area	23-44-30N 102-27-30E		Unidentified	Unk
122nd Infantry Regiment	Tonghai Army Bks	24-05-40N 102-44-00E		Baracks w/oon; cargo trucks, tents	Conf
321st Artillery Regiment	Jianshui Army Bks	23-44-00N 102-52-40E		Baracks w/oon; towed multiple rocket launchers, field artillery, cargo trucks, tents	Conf
42nd Infantry Division (AAA Battalion*)	Mengzi Infantry Division Hq & Bks AL 1	23-21-35N 103-23-55E		3 tanks, AAA	Conf
Engineering Battalion*	Niu-wo-pai Army Bks AL 1**	23-34-40N 103-16-40E		River crossing equipment, AAA	Conf
124th Infantry Regiment	Mengzi Infantry Division Hq & Bks AL 1	23-21-35N 103-23-55E		AAA, cargo trucks	Conf
125th Infantry Regiment	Wenshan Army Bks West AL 1	23-52-28N 104-13-38E (geographical)		AAA, cargo trucks	Conf
126th Infantry Regiment	Mengzi Army Bks West AL 2	23-22-02N 103-23-46E		AAA, cargo trucks, small-arm firing range, obstacle course	Conf
322nd Artillery Regiment	Mengzi Army Bks North AL 3	23-30-37N 103-24-31E		Grenade ranges, parade field, field artillery, cargo trucks	Conf

\*Unidentified unit, not shown on Figure 3.

\*\*Wade-Giles transliteration.

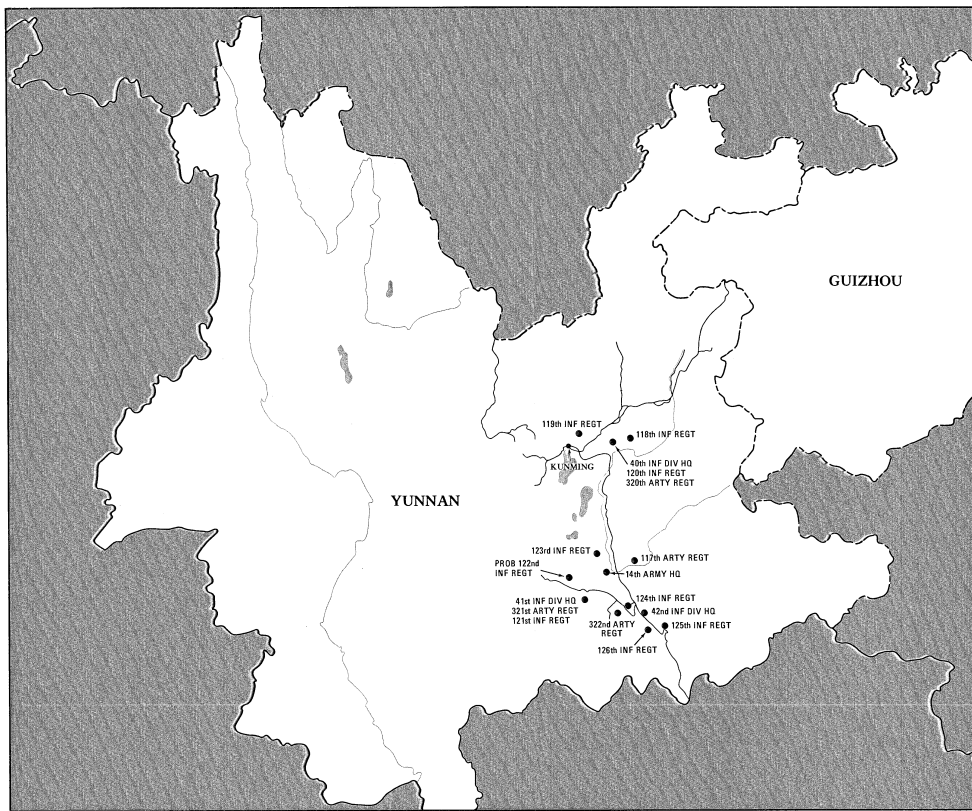


FIGURE 3. LOCATIONS OF 14TH ARMY UNITS, KUNMING MILITARY REGION

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